



2023 Thrive! Vendor Workshop Schedule

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Session 1 Thursday 2:00-3:00 P.M.

NCFCA Christian Speech and Debate (Sharon Hisler), **Communicating Effectively in a Loud World**—The practice of respectful, articulate discourse in our society seems all but lost. Christians are called to be salt and light in a dark and dying world! Come and hear some practical tips to help your children be better listeners, thinkers, and speakers at every stage of their educational journey. (Conference 1)

NC Virtual (Crystal Pullen), **Solutions for Your Middle and High School**—Are you nervous about teaching middle or high school? Does your child need advanced or AP courses? Do you have limited time to homeschool? Join us to learn how NC Virtual with our 135+ courses and NC certified instructors can be the solution for your family to continue to homeschool! (Conference 2)

Engage 360 Ministries (Matt Schmidt), **Equipping Students to Be Confident Ambassadors for the Gospel**—Christian families desire to keep their kids safe within the Christian faith. While this is a reasonable concern given the myriad of challenges in the world, we need to do more than keep them safe. We need to equip them to become confident, humble, and brave ambassadors for the Gospel. (Ardmore 1)

Session 2 Thursday 3:30-4:30 P.M.

NILD Educational Therapy (Cherene Comick), **Help for the Child Who Struggles to Learn**—What do you do when your child is struggling to learn? How do I know if they need extra services? This seminar will show you how to help the struggling learner and when to seek special services. This workshop is by an experienced teacher/special ed director of 24 years and a homeschool enthusiast. (Conference 1)

BrickEd & More (Dr. Shirley Disseler), **Brick Math with Dr. D**—This workshop will feature interactive participation using the LEGO brick as the medium to build math concepts. Participants will explore activities that they can do with students to help support conceptual understanding and the why behind the math. (Conference 2)

LtoJ (Dr. Lyle Lee Jenkins), **Skill, Will and Thrill: Instill a Lifelong Love of Learning**—Learn practical strategies to create a homeschool environment where your child's skill far exceeds societal expectations, and at the same time, the enthusiasm to learn is driven by their intrinsic love of learning. You can have both! (Ardmore 1)

Session 3 Thursday 5:00-6:00 P.M.

Multisensory Reading Center (Rebecca Griffith and Jennifer Parra), **Supporting Struggling Readers**—Is your child struggling to develop reading and spelling skills? Have they been identified with dyslexia or show characteristics of a reading difficulty? Come learn how to support your child using a multisensory, structured literacy approach. (Conference 1)

Student Career Insights (Katie Ruzin), **Finding Direction in a World of Options**—Are you overwhelmed by college and career choices and worried about outcomes? Students will explore their interests, discover related options, and identify a direction that will cultivate their vision and lead to a lifetime of fulfillment and success. (Conference 2)

Uncle Rocky - Fireman (Jim Brewster), **Writing and Publishing Your First Book**—Is your 2nd grader telling stories, your 6th grader writing poems, or your 10th grader writing a novel? Now they can professionally

publish their work for free. This seminar walks through the process of writing and publishing a professional book. This workshop is for ages 10-adult, parents or kids. (Ardmore 1)

Friday, May 26, 2023

Session 4 Friday 11:00 A.M.-NOON

Noble U (Steve Noble), **"The Red Pill" - Fighting Back Against Cultural Indoctrination**—Starting in kindergarten, the culture is seeking to indoctrinate our children with a godless, anti-Christian "operating system" via the Internet, smartphones, entertainment, and education. This worldview grows underneath the surface (like an iceberg) and usually isn't discovered until it's too late. (Conference 1)

Opening the 10/40 Window in the Classroom (Barry Pettyjohn), **Raising Christ-Centered Children**—As parents, our responsibility to raise our children begins and ends with Christ. We want to introduce our children to Christ, but more so, we want to introduce our children to the character of Christ. In this workshop, we will discuss successful, biblical methods to fulfill this responsibility. (Conference 2)

New Growth Press (Deborah Harrell), **Getting Students Excited about the Gospel**—Help students move beyond the basic plot of Bible stories to discover the gospel and how it impacts their lives. This workshop will help you engage your children with the Bible in new ways to engage their faith through discussion questions, activities, and gospel-centered concepts. (Ardmore 1)

Session 5 12:30-1:30 P.M.

Classical Conversations (Gretchen Heinrich/Heather Mangum), **Learning Is a Voyage, You Can Guide the Way**—How do you teach your child to experience and examine God's creation? You can do this by learning alongside them in a community with a common goal. Classical Conversations empowers you to guide your child's educational development at every age (and equips you, too!). (Conference 1)

The Write Journey Curriculum (Kris Cordell), **One More Book or One More Curriculum**—Weaving literature into a child's language arts studies helps them develop essential writing, critical thinking, and communication skills. When we blend literature and writing, we get back to the basics of quality education. This is a practical and creative language arts instruction method. (Conference 2)

Session 6 Friday 2:00-3:00 P.M.

Homeschooling One Child (Terrie McKee), **Hope for the Overwhelmed Homeschool Parent**—Sometimes homeschool can be a bit much and overwhelm sets in. And this is not the kids—it's the parents! In this session, Terrie McKee will use humor and grace to encourage and inspire homeschooling parents who are teetering on the edge. (Conference 1)

Student Career Insights (Katie Ruzin), **Interpersonal Skills Drive Success**—Communication is crucial to success. Careers are based on relationships, which most teens are still struggling to figure out. Come learn strategies to improve listening and conversation skills, increase self-awareness, and develop your ability to adapt to change. (Conference 2)

Cultivating Holy Beauty (Liane LeBeau), **Quiet Time Skills for Women**—Women's discipleship curriculum, daily quiet time skills (with template provided), scripture memorization emphasis. The Cultivating Holy Beauty curriculum teaches women how to think on God's Word with purpose allowing it to become heart-knowledge instead of just head-knowledge. (Ardmore 1)

Session 7 Friday 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Noble U (Steve Noble), **US History: The Left, The Right, and The Truth**—The history of our nation has become a political football as the Left seeks to re-define America as a horrible nation while the Right struggles

to restrain its own pro-American bias. As Christians, our allegiance to the Truth should override our political biases, even when it comes to our nation. (Conference 1)

BrickEd & More (Dr. Shirley Disseler), **Robotics for Homeschool**—In this workshop, participants will learn ways to use robotics to enhance critical thinking, coding, and problem-solving skills. This is an active engagement workshop. (Conference 2)

Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW), **EZ + 1: Making Sense of Teaching Writing**—Teaching writing well is not only possible, it can be enjoyable! Come and learn about an easy-to-use approach for teaching. Using models, checklists, and a clear pathway for EZ+1 skill progression, the Structure and Style® composition program builds competence in students of all ages and aptitudes. (Ardmore 1)

Session 8 Friday 4:50-5:50 P.M.

BJU Press Homeschool/HomeWorks by Precept (Sheri DalPorto) **Learning Differently without Limits**—We will spend some time looking at some of the ways that children learn differently and how we, as parents, can help them be successful! We will look at Scripture and what it says about our children and various educational tools for teaching our children. (Conference 1)

Homeschooling One Child (Terrie McKee), **Homeschooling a Teen with Autism**—Homeschooling a teen who has autism can be difficult: the meltdowns, the structure, puberty.... In this session, participants will learn how to teach academics, social skills, and life skills (and navigate the changing world of puberty). (Conference 2)

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Saturday, May 27, 2023

Session 9 Saturday 11:00 A.M.-Noon

Inquisicook Culinary Science (Angela Smith), **Cooking: The Ultimate Applied Science**—Are you searching for hands-on science activities with practical applications? Look no further than your kitchen! In this workshop, we'll explore the role of science in cooking and discuss how to approach the subject in a way that leads to meaningful, delicious results. (Conference 1)

The Write Journey (Kris Cordell), **Equipping and Empowering Parents to Teach Writing**—We understand that many parents are finding themselves in a situation where they are unexpectedly overseeing their children's education, often recognizing they need to become better equipped to fulfill this call with confidence. Our adult training program has been created for these parents. (Conference 2)

Cultivating Holy Beauty (Misty Brown), **Choosing What You Value - for Women**—We will teach women how to make the right choice when met with offense, help them understand they have a choice in reacting to offense, to speak to God or speak to others (Proverbs 19:11), and be willing to exchange old broken habits for new godly ones. (Ardmore 1)

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Cedarville University (Shellie Doub, asst. director of dual enrollment), **Dual Enrollment: When, Where, Why, and How**—College advisor and homeschool mom Shellie Doub will address FAQs about how the dual-credit trend sweeping the nation can help your student save on the cost of college and successfully earn early college credit without compromising your commitment to keep Christ at the center of your homeschool. (Conference 2)

LtoJ (Dr. Lyle Lee Jenkins), **Mathematics that Makes Sense**—Learning occurs instantly when the incoming knowledge makes sense. All of math can make complete sense to children, and a solid foundation is the key to continued success. Find practical help and hands on tools and techniques to simplify the basics of mathematics. (Ardmore 1)

Session 11 Saturday 1:50-2:50 P.M.

Innovative Learning Press (Sarah Reid), **The Encephalon Code: Memorize Everything!**—Empower your students for total academic success! With the Encephalon Code, they can easily learn to memorize anything, comprehend more, read faster, focus better, and master new languages easier with this interactive workshop that features scientifically proven techniques and live demonstrations. (Conference 1)

Christian Halls International (Dr. Nicholas Ellis), **Solving College: Dual Credit and Distance Learning in Your Co-Op**—Christian Halls International brings together local tutors, select Christian universities, and intimate groups of students for community-based education, offering hundreds of fully accredited classes and degree programs. Come learn how you can bring this to your community. (Conference 2)